

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Anybody care to speak on the germaneness issue? I am prepared to rule. I am prepared to rule, but if you'd like to make some input, Senator Chambers, I'd be happy to listen to you, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, rulings are made by whoever sits in the chair and opinions can differ as to whether something is germane or not, but I think the standard that can be applied, regardless of who is in the chair, is the one adopted by the court, the supreme court of this state. Any measure that fits within the general subject that a bill deals with is, in fact, germane. It will not render a bill outside the requirements that the Constitution lays down for what subject matter a bill must contain and this bill that I'm talking about is exactly the same subject matter of LB 1041. I think it is as germane as the amendment that has been adopted already and I have to make a correction in something I said earlier, although it is not completely incorrect. I said it's more...betting on sporting events is more American than cherry pie, well pizza is more American than cherry pie now because a poll showed that, I just had that brought to my attention. This bill is more American than pizza, Senator Vard Johnson, and I do think it's germane.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I have several lights lit up here. Are there any that want to speak on the germaneness issue? I see none, therefore, I will rule that while the broad category is within the gambling issue, it is clearly a different purpose and according to Rule 7, Section 3, I will rule the amendment nongermane. Do you wish to challenge, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: And would you wish to speak to the challenge?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, there was an attitude brought into this body when Senator Beutler was here of a picayunish nature and he was able to persuade the Legislature that despite what the courts considered germane and the way the Legislature had operated down through the years, an opinion he had should prevail and it prevailed, and that's all right. Anybody can try to argue their point